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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE - APPROVAL OF PROTOCL OF AMENDMENT  
OF RIO TREATY

1. THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE RIO TREATY WAS APPROVED  
FRIDAY JULY 25 AND FORMAL SIGNING SET FOR 4:00 P.M. JULY 26.  
ALL ARTICLES WERE APPROVED OVERWHELMINGLY, AND THE FINAL DOCUMENT  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PANAMA AND PERU  
ABSTAINED ON ARTICLE 3, WHICH STIPULATES  
THAT AN ATTACK AGAINST ONE IS AN ATTACK AGAINST ALL. PERU  
OBJECTED TO COVERAGE OF ATTACK FROM OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE.  
PERU ALSO TOOK STRONG OBJECTION TO ARTICLE 5 (OLD ARTICLE 6),  
WHICH PROVIDES FOR ACTION IN CASES SHORT OF ARMED ATTACK. CHILE  
AND PARAGUAY VOTED NO ON PROVIDING FOR LIFTING SANCTIONS BY  
SIMPLE MAJAORITY. AND THE U.S. VOTED AGAINST THE COLLECTIVE  
ECONOMIC SECURITY ARTICLE. (OUR STATEMENT SENT SEPTTEL.)

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3. EUPHORIA AND SELF-CONGRATULATIONS ABOUNDED IN THE BRIEF

INTERIM BETWEEN THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW PROTOCOL AND THE CONVENING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO CALL A MEETING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION TO DEAL WITH THE CUBA ISSUE. THE EUPHORIA WAS SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED BY AN UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS, STATEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS OBJECTING TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE NEW PROTOCOL. THERE WILL BE AT LEAST THREE FORMAL RESERVATIONS. THE U.S. RESERVES ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC AND SECURITY, PARAGUAY RESERVES ON THE VOTING CHANGE, AND PERU RESERVES ON EXTRA-HEMISPHERIC APPLICATION OF THE TREATY (PARA 3 OF ARTICLE III). IN ADDITION EL SALVADOR, MEXICO, CHILE, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, PANAMA, ARGENTINA AND GUATEMALA MADE FORMAL STATEMENTS QUALIFYING IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER THEIR APPROVAL OF THE PROTOCOL. ARGENTINA AND CHILE PROTECTED THEIR FLANKS ON THEIR SOUTHERN CLAIMS; GUATEMALA AND MEXICO GAVE DECLARATIONS ON BELIZE.

4. THE LAST-DAY SPEECH-MAKING WAS LARGELY NARCOTIC. PITTY OF PANAMA GAVE A STANDARD BLAST TO YANKEE IMPERIALISM, BUT DID NOT RAISE THE CANAL ISSUE. FOREIGN MINISTER MOE OF BARBADOS EXPRESSED HIS "DEEP SATISFACTION" WITH THE MEETING'S OUTCOME. HE SAID IT IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE "POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS" TO HIS GOVERNMENT TO ADHERE TO THE RIO TREATY. MOE PRIVATELY TOLD A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION THAT BARBADOES WOULD PROBABLY SIGN THE TREATY AND PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT SOON.

3 WE DO NOT PLAN TO CABLE THE TEXT, AS ELKIN TAYLOR WILL BE IN USOAS TUESDAY, JULY 29 WITH COPIES OF THE PROTOCOL, RESERVATIONS, ETC.

6. THE PARAGUAYAN RESERVATION ON THE VOTING PROCESS AND THE PERUVIAN RESERVATION ON ARTICLE 3 COULD BE TROUBLESOME IN THE RATIFICATION PROCESS, SINCE BOTH ARE PROVISIONS CLEARLY FUNDAMENTAL TO THE OPERATION OF THE TREATY. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE OUR RESERVATION ON ECONOMIC COLLECTIVE SECURITY, WHICH IS PERIPHERAL TO THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE TREATY, IS UNLIKELY TO CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH THE OTHER SIGNATORIES. TODMAN

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